

REMARKS

Claims 2, 24-28, 30-32, 34, 39-50, 52 and 54 are pending in the above-identified application.

The status of the parent application has been updated by way of amendment herein. It appears that the same amendment to the specification made on January 5, 2001, was not entered.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

The claims have been rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patents 6,149,892 and 6,143,277. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto in order to overcome this rejection.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding rejections, and allow the present application.

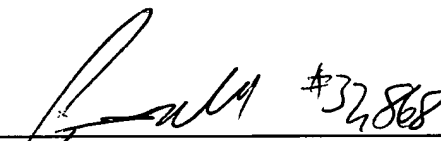
If there are any minor matters precluding allowance of the application which may be resolved by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

The first paragraph on page 1 has been amended as follows:

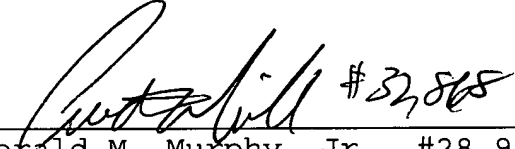
This application is a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) continuation of [copending] U.S. Application No. 08/945,141 (now U.S. Patent 6,149,892, which issued November 21, 2000), which was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/US96/05009 filed April 11, 1996, which claims priority from U.S. Application 08/422,280, filed April 14, 1995, abandoned. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer is attached.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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